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POLYMERASE

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 7, 2006, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A three-month petition to extend the period for response to on or before September 7, 2006 accompanies this response.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.